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- A contractor working on a natural gas pipeline in Washington County, Pennsylvania, unearthed a live pipe bomb that police said could have caused significant damage. – *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (See item [3](#))
- West Nile virus is spreading faster than it has in years, federal health officials stated, noting that as of August 14, the mosquito-borne disease was responsible for 693 illnesses and 28 deaths in 32 states. – *USA Today* (See item [30](#))
- A gunman who shot a security guard August 15 at the Family Research Council office in Washington, D.C., carried a handgun and several additional rounds of ammunition, federal investigators said. – *NBC News* (See item [53](#))
- A recent seismic hazard assessment found greater earthquake potential for the central Washington area where many dams are located. – *NPR* (See item [62](#))

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Energy Sector

1. ***August 15, Opelousas Daily World*** – (Louisiana) **Broken gas line closes businesses.** A broken gasoline pump at the Murphy USA gas station in Opelousas, Louisiana, closed down stores in the area for much of August 13 and all day August 14. The Opelousas fire captain said a car hit one of the pumps at the station, spilling about 100 gallons of gasoline into the sewer system. He said the car and the gas pump suffered minimal damage. “But it snapped off the line under the pump. There is supposed to be a shutoff, but it doesn’t seem to have worked,” the captain said. He said the gasoline flowed into the sewer system for about 5 minutes before crews could stop the flow. The possibility of an explosion was the greatest danger, but the fumes were also a concern. As a result, the roughly dozen stores in the Creswell Plaza shopping mall on the east side of the lot were closed. Once the gas-water mix is removed from the sewer, the city will add a special chemical to the storm drains to eliminate the fumes.

Source:

http://www.daileworld.com/article/20120815/NEWS01/208150306?nclick_check=1

2. ***August 15, United Press International*** – (California) **Corrosion probed at Chevron refinery fire.** U.S. investigators said they were looking at the possible corrosion of a pipeline tied to a unit at a Richmond, California refinery that caught fire the week of August 6, United Press International reported August 15. Chevron shut down one of the units at its Richmond refinery following a blaze. A 16-inch pipeline leaves the unit that caught fire and splits into 12-inch and 8-inch lines. “There were piping inspections that were done in November 2011 during a maintenance shutdown,” a Chemical Safety Board (CSB) spokesman said. “As a result of that, the 12-inch pipe was found to be corroded and was replaced. But a decision was made to keep the 8-inch pipe in service. Corrosion is one thing we will be looking for.” The CSB, the week of August 6, confirmed its investigators were at the refinery reviewing Chevron’s documents and conducting witness interviews. The agency said refinery workers were working to stem a leak from an 8-inch line, though high temperatures at a distillation tower ignited a vapor cloud.

Source: <http://www.fireengineering.com/news/2012/08/15/corrosion-probed-at-chevron-refinery-fire.html>

3. ***August 15, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*** – (Pennsylvania) **Pipe bomb discovered on natural gas pipeline.** A contractor working on a natural gas pipeline in Washington County, Pennsylvania, unearthed a pipe bomb August 13. The device was detonated by the Allegheny County bomb squad. “One of our contractor’s employees found a small pipe device on a right-of-way” where a pipeline is being constructed near Rural Valley Road in Buffalo, said the director of corporate communications for National Fuel Supply Corp. Police characterized the device as a “live pipe bomb” that could have caused a catastrophe. The spokeswoman said police later scoured the pipeline route with bomb-sniffing dogs but could find no other devices.

Source: <http://shale.sites.post-gazette.com/index.php/news/archives/24744>

4. ***August 14, CSP Daily News*** – (New York) **EPA takes action against Buffalo-area gas stations.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a legal

complaint to the owners and operators of 22 underground storage tanks at gas stations in the Buffalo, New York area for violating various federal rules dealing with groundwater from petroleum contamination, CSP Daily News reported August 14. The complaint, which seeks \$582,803 in penalties, was issued to Amerimart Development Co. Inc., Qual-Econ Lease Co. Inc., Commercial Realty Fund II, MJG Enterprises Inc., and Clear Alternative of Western NY Inc. (dba G & G Petroleum). These companies are either past or present owners or operators of stations in Buffalo, Amherst, and Tonawanda. In addition to paying penalties, the complaint requires the facilities to come into full compliance with the regulations. The law authorizes EPA to seek between \$11,000 and \$16,000 per tank for each day a violation exists.

Source: <http://www.cspnet.com/news/fuels/articles/epa-takes-action-against-buffalo-area-gas-stations>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *August 15, AnnArbor.com* – (Michigan) **Hazmat crew stops chemical reaction causing acidic vapor cloud in Pittsfield Township.** A violent chemical reaction forced three people to evacuate a chemical firm in Pittsfield Township, Michigan, August 15. Pittsfield Township firefighters responded to a report of smoke coming from Pacific Industrial Development. Upon arrival, firefighters found the smoke was an acidic vapor caused by the mixture of two chemicals, neodymium oxide and nitric acid. The Washtenaw County Hazardous Materials Response Team was called and it cooled the 100-gallon container with about 35 gallons of the solution inside to the point where the reaction stopped. One of the three employees at the business, which makes specialty chemicals and nanomaterials used in pollution and emissions-control devices, was exposed to the vapor but was wearing protective gear and escaped injury.
Source: <http://annarbor.com/news/hazmat-crew-stops-violent-chemical-reaction-causing-acidic-vapor-cloud-in-pittsfield-township/#.UCvb-qBhzVs>
6. *August 15, Williamsport Sun-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Tanker truck loaded with liquid nitrogen overturns near Morris.** A tanker truck hauling liquid nitrogen overturned on Route 287 near Morris, Pennsylvania, August 14, closing the road for much of the day. A State Department of Transportation spokesman said the road was closed after the crash involving the truck from Integrated Production Services (IPS) in Williamsport. A spokesman for the State Department of Environmental Protection said the truck's trailer, hauling 4,651 gallons of liquid nitrogen, disconnected as the truck made a turn. This caused the trailer to roll over upside down, damaging the tank's insulation system, he said, adding that liquid nitrogen must be kept at a temperature of 320 degrees below Fahrenheit. IPS vented the liquid nitrogen by opening a top unloading valve on the damaged tank.
Source: <http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/581981/Tanker-truck-loaded-with-liquid-nitrogen-overturns-near-Morris.html?nav=5011>

7. *August 14, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Pool chemical spill prompts Ventura Boulevard closure in Encino.** A half-mile stretch of Ventura Boulevard was closed in the Encino area of Los Angeles August 14 after a crash that involved a pool chemical truck. Two people were treated for minor injuries at the scene of the two-vehicle accident. Chemicals from the pool service truck spilled during the collision, and a hazardous materials crew was called. One person was injured in the crash, and the other was treated for exposure to fumes from the spill, according to Los Angeles Fire Department officials.

Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Ventura-Boulevard-Closed-Chemical-Spill-166138776.html>

8. *August 14, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (International) **Ex-scientist at Bridgestone in Akron indicted in trade-secrets case.** A former research scientist at Bridgestone Americas Center for Research and Technology in Akron, Ohio, was charged again in a trade-secrets case. A grand jury returned a 15-count indictment August 14 against the Hudson resident after attempts to work out a plea deal fell through. He is charged with stealing trade secrets, including chemical formulas, and lying to FBI agents investigating the alleged theft. Federal prosecutors said the suspect copied proprietary information from Bridgestone computers onto six CDs in 2010. The FBI said it searched his house and found CDs with trade secrets. Agents confiscated them and seized his U.S. passport. The FBI alleged the suspect provided Bridgestone data to the Shanghai Frontier Elastomer Co. The FBI also said he was planning to start a polymer center at Suzhou University in Suzhou, China, and was trying to recruit other scientists. A judge set an August 20 trial date on eight counts of trade-secrets theft, and seven counts of making false statements to the FBI. The indictment says he took proprietary data on eight projects. Bridgestone said the CDs had more than 400 PowerPoint presentations and trade secrets such as the formulas and compound properties for race tires.

Source: http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2012/08/ex-scientist_at_bridgestone_in.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *August 15, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Alabama) **TVA's Browns Ferry nuclear plant flagged for more safety issues.** The Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Browns Ferry nuclear plant has received more safety flags from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Chattanooga Times-Free Press reported August 15. The Athens, Alabama electricity plant powered by three nuclear reactors had a preliminary “white” finding — NRC’s least serious safety flag — extended from one of the reactors to all three, said a NRC spokesman. The finding was based on an NRC inspection that found plant operators and staff would not have been able to satisfactorily perform newly implemented procedures for safe plant shutdown, he said. Operators and staff on all three reactor units “were not adequately trained” on the then-5-month-old

procedures, the spokesman added. Brown's Ferry also has two other "white" flags on individual reactors: one for too many unplanned shutdowns and another for a high pressure coolant injection system that was out-of-service for more than the allowable hours, a TVA spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2012/aug/15/chattanooga-flagged-again-nuclear-plant/>

10. ***August 14, Oswego Palladium-Times*** – (New York) **Elevated levels of tritium found at CENG.** Increased levels of a radioactive form of hydrogen found at Nine Mile Nuclear Station in Scriba, New York, pose no health risks to workers or the public, said a company official. A Constellation Energy Nuclear Group (CENG) spokeswoman said August 14 that elevated levels of tritium were found in a water sample from inside unit 1 at the Scriba plant. Regulatory agencies, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State Department of Environmental Conservation, were notified. Officials believe the tritium entered unit 1 in ground water leaking into the building. Ground water monitoring wells and discharge pathways — such as storm drains — have been tested but are not believed to be the source. The average concentration of tritium found in ground water at nuclear plants is 20,000 picocuries per liter, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute. The levels found at Nine Mile were 32,000 to 44,000 picocuries per liter of water.

Source:

<http://palltimes.com/articles/2012/08/14/news/doc502afd8a5b241479706148.txt>

11. ***August 14, Associated Press*** – (Minnesota) **Xcel shuts down Monticello, Prairie Island nuclear reactors.** Xcel Energy Inc. has shut down two of Minnesota's three nuclear reactors. The Monticello plant had been operating at 10 percent power since the weekend of August 10, and operators shut down Prairie Island's Unit 1 plant August 14. Xcel said both shutdowns were done safely. The Minneapolis-based utility said neither resulted in a release of radioactive materials and did not pose a danger to the public or plant employees. At Prairie Island, a test found emergency diesel generators were inoperable. Minnesota Public Radio News reported workers closed the Monticello plant after discovering leakage that apparently was caused by a failing gasket on a pipe flange. Xcel said the leaked material was contained within the containment structure. The company is buying power on the open market, and says repairs will not take long.

Source: <http://www.sctimes.com/viewart/20120814/NEWS01/308140030/Xcel-shuts-down-Monticello-Prairie-Island-nuclear-reactors>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *August 15, Global Security Newswire* – (Tennessee) **Monitoring systems inactive during Y-12 plant break-in: NNSA.** The Y-12 National Security Complex was not running a key video monitoring system July 28 close to where antiwar activists breached a metal barrier around the Tennessee nuclear arms facility's most heavily guarded section, the Knoxville News Sentinel reported August 14. The system was one of a “high number” of monitoring cameras not in use when intruders made their way into Y-12, the newspaper quoted the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) as saying the week of August 6. The intruders reportedly passed into the “Protected Area” — which houses atomic arms activities and bomb-grade uranium storage — and dumped blood, put up placards, and added painted wording to the sides of structures prior to their apprehension. Security personnel initially did not respond to multiple alerts from monitoring systems as trespassers clipped open three sets of barriers, the semiautonomous Energy Department agency added, quoting early findings in a August 10 call for a private contractor to formally defend within 30 days its continued role as the site’s operator. Responders made their way to the break-in site over an unacceptably long period, according to the NNSA document. Then, they did not succeed in asserting authority prior to a manager’s intervention, the agency indicated. A comprehensive suspension of atomic activities implemented at the site August 1 would remain in place “for the indefinite future,” the communication notes.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/nnsa-details-defensive-failures-during-y-12-break-/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *August 15, Help Net Security* – (International) **Malware-laden emails target hedge fund managers.** A highly targeted spam campaign aimed at hedge and private equity fund managers has recently been spotted by Barracuda Labs researchers, Help Net Security reported August 15. The email looks like it has been forwarded a few times, and supposedly has a document with details about NSYE carried interest fees attached to it. Recipients who do not notice that the file in question is an executable and run it are faced with a PDF that contains the information: “SEC Release Adopts New Rule 13h-1 and Form 13H; Large Trader Reporting.” The PDF comes bundled with a keylogger, which secretly installs itself on the victim’s machine and begins recording keystrokes and sending them to a remote server via FTP. The researchers have managed to follow the traffic to the server, and to peek inside it. They discovered that all the files containing the keystrokes are neatly deposited in a folder and, according to the number of existing folders, the attackers have managed to compromise at least 20 computers so far.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2222

14. *August 14, Akron Beacon Journal* – (Ohio) **FBI seeks robber of five area banks.** The FBI is circulating video images of a man police believe robbed five Akron, Ohio-area

banks since July 2. The robberies all occurred at banks inside grocery stores, and most happened on a Friday between 4 and 6 p.m. The man either has shown a weapon in his waistband or has indicated he has a weapon, according to a news release from a special agent in charge of the FBI's Cleveland Division. The robberies took place July 2 at U.S. Bank inside Fishers Food in Plain Township; July 20 at U.S. Bank inside Giant Eagle in Cuyahoga Falls; July 27 at Huntington Bank inside Giant Eagle in Youngstown; August 3 at Huntington Bank inside Giant Eagle in North Canton; and August 10 at Huntington Bank inside Giant Eagle in Canton. A reward is being offered for information leading to the man's arrest.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/news/local-news/fbi-seeks-robber-of-five-area-banks-1.327155>

15. *August 14, New York Times* – (International; New York) **Standard Chartered settles Iran inquiry for \$340 million.** Standard Chartered, the British bank, has agreed to pay New York's top banking regulator \$340 million to settle claims it laundered hundreds of billions of dollars in tainted money for Iran and lied to regulators, the New York Times reported August 14. The agreement is a victory for the New York Superintendent of Financial Services and his 10-month old agency, which took on the bank alone in charging it schemed for nearly a decade with Iran to hide from regulators 60,000 transactions worth \$250 billion. Some federal authorities worry the deal has the potential to undercut a sweeping settlement between the bank and federal regulators, including the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department. They are also investigating Standard Chartered, a 150-year-old bank based in London with operations across the globe. As part of the settlement, the bank will install a monitor for at least 2 years to vet money-laundering controls and put in permanent officials who will audit internal procedures.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/15/business/standard-chartered-settles-with-new-york-for-340-million.html?pagewanted=1&_r=2

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Transportation Sector

16. *August 15, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Train derails near Osawatomie, three cars fall in river.** A Union Pacific train headed from Colby, Kansas, to Corpus Christi, Texas, derailed in eastern Kansas, sending three cars into a small river. A railroad spokesman said 23 of the train's 106 cars went off the tracks August 15 near Osawatomie in Miami County. Three of the cars ended up in the Marais Des Cygnes River. The spokesman said the cause of the derailment has not been determined, and he does not know how long it will take to clean up the area because of possible damage to a bridge that will have to be inspected. He said 19 trains a day use the tracks where the derailment occurred. The railroad plans to detour its other trains to parallel tracks or other areas.

Source: <http://www.kwch.com/news/kwch-news-rdm-train-derails-near-osawatomie-three-cars-fall-in-river-20120815,0,747782.story>

17. *August 15, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Crashes close Ohio Turnpike in eastern Fulton County.** Several people were injured and traffic was backed up on the Ohio Turnpike August 15 after two separate but related crashes involving semi tractors closed the eastbound lanes near the interchange near Fulton County, Ohio. Early reports indicate six people were injured, transported to area hospitals by air and ground ambulances, according to the Ohio Highway Patrol. In the first crash, a semi hit a tow truck that was responding to a disabled flatbed vehicle on the side of the highway. In the second crash, a semi crashed into two other rigs that were stopped for the first crash.
Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/frontpage/2012/08/15/Crashes-close-Ohio-Turnpike-in-eastern-Fulton-County.html>

18. *August 15, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Lanes open on Interstate 64 at Mercury after crash.** All westbound lanes of Interstate 64 were reopened at Mercury Boulevard in Hampton, Virginia after being closed overnight by a tractor-trailer fire, the Virginian-Pilot reported August 15. The crash shut down all lanes of Interstate 64 for several hours while hazardous materials crews cleaned up diesel fuel spilled at the scene and other chemicals. The crash happened when the tractor-trailer hit a truck in a work zone, according to a news release from Virginia State Police. The driver of the rig lost control and the tractor-trailer overturned and caught fire. The driver was trapped inside the cab and a trooper and good Samaritan freed him before the truck was engulfed in flames, the release says. He suffered minor injuries and was not taken to a hospital. The driver of the truck that was hit was taken to a medical center with injuries that were non-life-threatening. The driver of the tractor-trailer, was charged with reckless driving, the release said.
Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2012/08/two-lanes-open-i64-mercury-blvd-after-crash-fire>

19. *August 15, American Soybean Association* – (National) **Barge traffic disrupted on Mississippi River.** Drought conditions have reduced water levels on the Mississippi River to the extent that barges are hitting sandbars, stalling river traffic, the American Soybean Association reported August 15. The disruptions result in increased costs for the shipping industry and subsequently to farmers. Since the beginning of July, nine barges have run aground, some of which were caused by excess sediment deposits resulting from the flooding that occurred in 2011. The increased sediment exacerbates the problems caused by lower water levels this year. Barges must reduce cargo loads to cope with low water levels. Lower water levels also reduce the area of the river open to traffic. Every 1-inch loss of water decreases the carrying capacity of a barge by 17 tons of cargo, according to the American Waterways Operators. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has five dredges operating around the clock on the river. The Corps had a budget of \$21 million for operations on the upper Mississippi and thus far \$17 million has been obligated for shallow-water dredging. It is possible that supplemental funding could be necessary if the drought causes further reductions in the water level.
Source: <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Barge-traffic-disrupted-on-Mississippi-River-166116476.html>

20. *August 14, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **MARC train delayed by collision with police car.** Montgomery County police have begun an investigation into an incident in

which an officer's police vehicle was struck August 13 by a Maryland Area Regional Commuter train as he attempted to cross the tracks in North Bethesda, Maryland. No injuries were reported, but several hundred passengers on the eastbound train were stranded on board for over an hour, officials said. Those waiting to board at the nearby Rockville station had to be diverted to Metro. A police spokesman said the officer was responding to an emergency call when he inched his squad car up to the edge of the tracks near the intersection of Randolph Road and Nebel Street. The train clipped the car's front bumper when it passed. The police spokesman said the officer had his siren on as he responded to a 9-1-1 call.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/marc-train-delayed-by-collision-with-police-car/2012/08/14/0f0ff888-e650-11e1-8f62-58260e3940a0_story.html

21. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Nev. livestock trailer crash kills 4, closes road.** Four people were killed in a fiery crash involving a trailer hauling livestock in northern Nevada that blocked U.S. Highway 50 east of Carson City. A Nevada Highway Patrol trooper said the multiple-vehicle crash and explosion happened August 14 near Stagecoach, about 10 miles east of Dayton. The highway was expected to remain closed in both directions for most of August 14 in the area about 25 miles east of Carson City. KRNV 7 Reno reported three vehicles were involved in the crash and three people were injured in addition to the four deaths.

Source: http://www.heralextra.com/news/national/nev-livestock-trailer-crash-kills-closes-road/article_85a4c55b-1fc8-520d-8037-915c31e9eabe.html

22. *August 14, Los Angeles City News Service* – (California) **Bomb threat diverts flights at LAX.** A bomb threat August 14 caused authorities to divert traffic from the lower-level roadway through Los Angeles International Airport for about 2 hours, resulting in a massive backup. A threat was received via phone, said a representative of Los Angeles World Airports. Responding agencies included the airport police, FBI, Los Angeles Police Department bomb squad, and the Los Angeles Fire Department. Traffic on the lower arrivals level in front of terminals 1, 2, and 3 was affected for several hours.

Source: <http://www.swrnn.com/2012/08/14/bomb-threat-diverts-flights-at-lax/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *August 14, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Oregon; Washington) **Hummingbird Wholesale issues allergy alert on undeclared peanuts in organic pinenuts.** Hummingbird Wholesale of Eugene, Oregon, alerted consumers who purchased Organic Bulk Pinenuts from Natural Food Retail stores between March 22 and August 16 that these bulk pinenuts may contain undeclared peanuts, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported August 14. The Organic Pinenuts were distributed in 27.5-pound and 5-pound plastic bags in wholesale packaging to retail stores in Washington State and Oregon for sale through bulk bins. The Organic Pinenuts were found to have been contaminated by peanuts through visual inspection.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm315581.htm>

24. *August 14, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (Utah; California) **Utah firm recalls beef products due to possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination.** Dale T. Smith and Sons Meat Packing, a Draper, Utah establishment, recalled approximately 38,200 pounds of beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced August 14. The following products are subject to recall: various weight combo bins of Boneless Beef produced August 7 and various weight boxes of primal cuts, subprimal cuts, and boxed beef produced August 7. The products subject to recall were distributed to wholesale and retail establishments in California and Salt Lake City. The problem was discovered through lab testing conducted by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, which confirmed positive results for E. coli O157:H7, and may have occurred as a result of a refrigeration malfunction. The company recalled all beef products produced August 7 because of a strong potential for cross contamination during production.
Source:
http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_055_2012_Release/index.asp

25. *August 13, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Almond allergy alert and voluntary recall of a limited number of mislabeled Blueberry Crisp CLIF Bars.** Clif Bar & Company initiated a voluntary recall August 13 of a small amount of 12-pack Blueberry Crisp CLIF Bars and individual mislabeled Blueberry Crisp CLIF Bars in Chocolate Chip CLIF Bar Wrappers that were distributed to a limited number of stores predominately east of the Mississippi. The 12-packs may contain Blueberry Crisp CLIF Bars that are mislabeled with Chocolate Chip CLIF Bar wrappers and do not list almonds in the ingredient statement. A small quantity of Blueberry Crisp CLIF Bars were inadvertently placed in Chocolate Chip CLIF Bar wrappers and these mislabeled bars were placed inside correctly labeled Blueberry Crisp CLIF Bar 12-pack boxes. The Chocolate Chip CLIF Bar wrappers contain advisory allergen labeling which states that the product may contain traces of tree nuts.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm315492.htm>

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Water Sector

26. *August 15, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **EPA: No vinyl chloride found in Sauk Village water.**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said vinyl chloride is no longer being detected in Sauk Village public drinking water supplies so local officials will not be required to provide free bottled water to residents. The agency said August 14 that air stripping equipment installed to remove the contamination appears to be working. Still, it is not a permanent solution to water-quality issues. The Illinois Health Department said the health risks from exposure to the town's water are now essentially nonexistent, though the EPA will continue frequent analysis. Sauk Village is a town of about 11,000 straddling the Cook and Will county line.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/15/4726935/epa-no-vinyl-chloride-found-in.html>

27. *August 14, WVUE 8 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Mississippi River shuts down in Plaquemines Parish today.**

A major construction project in the Mississippi River began in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, August 14. A section of the river was shut down for 12 hours as part of the fight to block saltwater from moving upriver and impacting the area's drinking water. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin the complex job of building a sill, or underwater levee, in the river North of Myrtle Grove. The Corps said it will start laying underwater piping August 14, and during the 45 days of construction, a stretch of the river in that area will probably be limited to one-way traffic. The goal of the sill is to stop, or slow saltwater from moving farther upriver. The Corps built a sill in 1988 and again in 1999, and in both cases, the Corps said there were benefits. While the Corps works on the barrier, Parish leaders said four barges filled with freshwater in Port Sulphur are ready to distribute water to people and businesses. In addition, construction of a pipeline on the west bank of Plaquemines is complete and can pull freshwater from Orleans Parish if needed. The parish president said water was safe to drink, but asked that residents conserve.

Source: <http://www.fox8live.com/story/19271438/mississippi-river-shuts-down-in-plaquemines-parish-today>

28. *August 14, KQED 30 San Francisco* – (California) **Staffing shortage puts San Jose wastewater treatment plant in peril.**

A staffing shortage at the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant in California raised the risk of the facility breaking down and spilling raw sewage into the bay, according to the city's environmental department and auditor, KQED 30 San Francisco reported August 14. The city council was slated to vote on whether to hire temporary workers to fill some of the voids August 14. A councilman, also the chair of the transportation and environment committee that oversees the plant said the plant's struggles to retain and attract workers are an unintended consequence of budget cuts. A city audit found "significant losses" of highly-skilled workers in the plant's maintenance and operations staff over the past few years. He said some were planned retirements, but the real problem is the city does not pay enough to attract and retain skilled workers. The plant serves more than 1.5 million people in San Jose, Santa Clara, Milpitas, Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Saratoga, and Monte Sereno.

Source:

http://www.kqed.org/news/story/2012/08/14/105671/staffing_shortage_puts_san_jose_wastewater_treatment_plant_in?category=economy

29. *August 13, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Bloomington to tap lake, pools for water amid ban.** A prolonged drought that has led to new restrictions on water use is forcing Bloomington, Indiana, to tap water that would otherwise be drained from Griffy Lake and city pools to keep some areas watered and reduce pressure on the city's water treatment plant. The mayor ordered restrictions on water usage starting August 13 to protect the treatment plant, which has been operating at peak levels. City officials are worried a power failure or overheated equipment could hurt water pressure and hinder firefighting efforts, especially when Indiana University students return to campus and usage increases, the Bloomington Herald Times reported. The parks director said Griffy Lake was being drained for repairs to its dam, so some of the water will be used to fill the parks department's pumper trucks for water landscaping. Water from two city pools will be used once the facilities close and the chlorine levels drop. This is the first time the city has used pool water this way.

Source: http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/living_green/bloomington-to-tap-lake-pools-for-water-amid-ban

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *August 15, USA Today* – (National) **West Nile virus spreads faster.** West Nile virus is spreading faster than it has in years, health officials stated, and the pace of the mosquito-borne disease is getting worse, USA Today reported August 15. States are reporting more cases than usual, said a specialist in mosquito-borne diseases with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Fort Collins, Colorado. Texas is getting the worst of it. Sixteen people have died of West Nile virus this summer in Texas. That is out of 381 cases of the illness. Nationwide there have been at least 693 cases and 28 deaths, according to the CDC and State numbers released August 14. That is up from 390 cases and 8 deaths the week of August 6. Thirty-two states have had cases of West Nile, the CDC said. Louisiana has had six deaths in 68 cases, Oklahoma one death in 55 cases, and Mississippi one death in 59 cases. In Arizona, there has been one death in seven cases. California had 23 cases, one of which was fatal, and South Dakota had one fatality in 37 cases.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/story/2012-08-14/west-nile-virus-mosquito/57057540/1?csp=34news>

31. *August 15, Food Safety News* – (Nebraska) **Salmonella strain tied to nursing center outbreak likely drug-resistant.** A skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Blue Hill, Nebraska, is ground zero for an outbreak of Salmonella Newport, a potentially drug-resistant strain of bacteria that in this case has caused 17 confirmed illnesses and 2 additional probable cases among residents, visitors, and staff, Food Safety News reported August 15. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services expects

to have results on the isolates regarding susceptibility of the Salmonella Newport serotype later the week of August 13, according to a spokeswoman. Four residents of the Blue Hill Care Center were hospitalized for a short time after showing symptoms, and one visitor remains in the hospital. The outbreak is being investigated by the State and local South Heartland District Health Department. It is not yet clear whether the Salmonella Newport bacteria that caused this outbreak originated in a food or water source.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/likely-drug-resistant-salmonella-newport-strikes-ne-nursing-center/#.UCu4raD6eCx>

32. *August 14, Arizona Daily Star* – (National) **Apria breach exposes personal info of thousands, many in S. AZ.** Apria Healthcare disclosed August 13 that a security breach may have compromised the personal information of 11,000 patients, including several thousand in Arizona. The company said the breach occurred in June, when an employee's laptop was stolen from a locked vehicle in Phoenix. The employee managed billing functions, and the laptop contained information about Apria patients in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Nevada, officials said. The files on the stolen laptop's hard drive contained patient data, including Social Security numbers and names, and possibly birth dates, and other personal or health information. "There has been no indication that any information has been accessed or misused," Apria's associate general counsel and privacy officer said in a prepared statement. She said the company was encrypting its laptops and strengthening other aspects of its internal patient-privacy security program. Apria said it would send notices to all affected patients, and offer them a complimentary subscription to a credit-monitoring service.

Source: http://azstarnet.com/business/local/apria-breach-exposes-personal-info-of-thousands-many-in-s/article_a09cc3a2-2daa-5bc5-8189-4651cd48a2dc.html

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *August 15, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Fake bombs, phony law badges found at Houma home.** Authorities in Houma, Louisiana, said they found weapons, phony law enforcement badges, and fake bombs at a residence where a man was arrested August 13. The discovery at an apartment complex led to a 6-hour evacuation of about 40 people from 4 buildings. The U.S. Secret Service launched the investigation after agents learned a man had bought counterfeit badges and credentials that showed him as a federal agent. The Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office said federal agents and deputies found several hundred counterfeit documents, badges, and credentials. A resident of the complex was booked with multiple charges including 19 counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 10 counts of unlawful possession of fraudulent documents. He had illegally acquired 19 firearms and thousands of rounds of ammunition, which were confiscated along with the counterfeit documents, badges and credentials that falsely identified him as belonging to law-enforcement agencies, including the FBI, CIA, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the sheriff's office said.

Source: <http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20120815/NEWS01/120815002>

34. *August 15, Associated Press* – (New York) **Lightning injures 10 NJ soldiers at NY's Ft. Drum.** Military officials said a lightning strike August 14 injured 10 soldiers from a New Jersey Army National Guard unit who were training at Fort Drum in northern New York. A first sergeant said the soldiers from the Lawrenceville-based 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team were on a training ground on the Army post when the lightning struck around 8:30 p.m. Six of the soldiers were checked out by medical staff and returned to duty. He said the other four are under the care of the unit's medics and were expected to resume their duties. About 2,000 members of the 50th Infantry are at Fort Drum for its annual 15-day training exercise that began the weekend of August 11. Source: http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/lightning-injures-10-nj-soldiers-nys-ft-drum-17010203#.UCu9_qC-a70

35. *August 14, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Bomb threat evacuates Spalding County courthouse.** The Spalding County, Georgia courthouse was evacuated August 14 after a bomb threat was phoned in, according to police. But investigators were unable to find a suspicious device. The threat was called in to 9-1-1 late in the afternoon., said a captain with the Spalding County Sheriff's Office. Everyone inside the courthouse, in Griffin, was evacuated. A bomb squad from Clayton County was dispatched to assist with the investigation. Several streets near the courthouse were temporarily closed. Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/bomb-threat-evacuates-spalding-1499566.html>

36. *August 14, Associated Press* – (California) **Sheriff investigates blast at Bass Lake courthouse.** A complex of Madera County, California government offices in the Sierra mountain town of Bass Lake was closed after an incendiary device shattered glass doors at the facility early August 14. A California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokeswoman said emergency crews received a call about the explosion. When firefighters arrived they found broken doors, char marks, and paint damage. A Madera County sheriff's lieutenant said the investigation is "still in relative infancy," and the department has not determined a motive. The building serves primarily as a satellite courthouse for the remote mountainous region of Madera County. The facility was expected to be open again August 15. Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/14/4726078/sheriff-investigates-blast-at.html>

37. *August 14, WFIE 14 Evansville* – (Indiana) **Student accused of Facebook threat will not be allowed at school.** A student being investigated for an alleged online threat will not be allowed to attend school August 15 in Warrick County, Indiana, the school announced during freshman orientation. The announcement came as a relief to some parents who had considered keeping their kids home from school. The Warrick County School Corporation is taking the threat seriously. The superintendent is working with Warrick County deputies to make sure students and parents feel safe. "We will have an extra law enforcement presence. Other safety measures have been put in place, not just at Castle High School, but all 17 Warrick County schools," the superintendent said. Not only will precautions be in place on the first day of school but all school days, he said. The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation says as long as the investigation is still pending, the student will not be able to attend one of their schools either.

Source: <http://www.14news.com/story/19273394/castle-high-school-student-who-made-alleged-threat-will-not-be-allowed-at-school>

38. *August 14, Bay News 9 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Letter with suspicious substance received at courthouse.** A HAZMAT crew responded to the Hillsborough County, Florida courthouse after it received a suspicious letter with an unknown substance August 14. According to a Hillsborough County Sheriff's spokeswoman, the letter was opened at the downtown Tampa courthouse. The substance was determined to not be hazardous. "Four individuals that came in contact with the letter were detained until the substance was determined to be non-hazardous," she said. The HAZMAT team, Tampa Fire Rescue, and deputies responded. The scene was cleared at 7:35 p.m. She said the letter was sent from a correctional facility.

Source:

http://www.baynews9.com/content/news/baynews9/news/article.html/content/news/articles/bn9/2012/8/14/letter_with_suspicio.html

39. *August 14, IDG News Service* – (California) **Statewide DMV outage hits thousands in California.** Two independent networking problems took computers offline August 14 at Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices across California, causing problems for thousands of people. An early morning router reconfiguration by AT&T disrupted connectivity between the carrier and several California State networks, including that of the DMV, said a spokeswoman for the California DMV. A second problem occurred when a DMV router that handled connections with Verizon Communications suffered problems that hit communications on a second link. Services returned to normal around noon, she said. During the outage, the DMV offices continued conducting driving tests. Customers who had simple requirements had their issues handled by paper, but those with more complex applications requiring immediate computer processing were asked to come back another day. It is not clear if there is a link between the August 14 failures and previous glitches at the California DMV experienced in March, May, and July of this year.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230301/Statewide_DMV_outage_hits_thousands_in_California

40. *August 13, Shawnee News-Star* – (Oklahoma) **Suspicious suitcase prompts evacuation in OKC.** A downtown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma building that houses the IRS and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was evacuated for many hours August 13 when an unattended suitcase was discovered near a mailbox. Authorities blocked off streets, evacuated workers, and closed a nearby parking garage as a bomb squad examined the suitcase. A nearby hotel was also partially evacuated. By mid-morning, authorities said it was safe for workers to return to the area.

Source: <http://www.news-star.com/news/x65941190/Suspicious-suitcase-prompts-evacuation-in-OKC>

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Emergency Services Sector

41. *August 15, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Carbon Co. 911 lines down; calls rerouted to Monroe County.** Burning utility wires were causing disruptions to emergency service calls in Carbon County, Pennsylvania, early August 15. Officials said Carbon County's 9-1-1 phones were down because of a downed utility pole in Nesquehoning Township. The problem was caused when a tree fell onto utility lines along Route 209. The power lines caught fire, causing phone outages. All emergency calls were being rerouted to Monroe County Communications Center, where officials were dispatching local authorities to Carbon County emergencies.
Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/Regional-Poconos-Coal/Carbon-Co-911-lines-down-calls-rerouted-to-Monroe-Co/-/149546/16133408/-/ygdhl3z/-/index.html>
42. *August 14, Lincoln Journal Star; Plattsburgh Journal* – (Nebraska) **Fire crews rebounding after town's fire station burns.** Members of the volunteer fire department could do nothing but watch, frustrated and helpless, late August 13 as fire raged within the the Nehawka, Nebraska Fire and Rescue station. All of the firefighters' equipment was inside the station. With no gear, the 16-member department had no way to fight the fire. Fire trucks and other emergency vehicles from Union, Manley, Avoca, Weeping Water, Murray, and Plattsburgh lined the four blocks or so from the fire station to Main Street. Fire crews used an electric saw to open one of the station's bay doors to inspect the interior, and flames were extinguished shortly after. The Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office determined the fire to be accidental, a spokesman said. The building remains serviceable, but received smoke and heat damage. Nehawka firefighters hope to be back to responding within a week. In the meantime, Murray firefighters will be paged along with Nehawka to all emergencies within the district.
Source: http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/fire-crews-rebounding-after-town-s-fire-station-burns/article_8bea4735-cf68-51c8-8425-6fe47df2ab28.html
43. *August 14, Washington Examiner* – (Virginia) **Virginia officials press Verizon to fix 911 system.** Northern Virginia officials said August 14 that Verizon has to do more than apologize for the failure of 9-1-1 emergency service centers during June's derecho storm. The company needs to do — or spend — whatever is necessary to ensure that it does not happen again, they said. More than 2 million people in the Washington D.C. area were without 9-1-1 services during the massive storm, which also left millions without power. Verizon at first adamantly denied that it was at fault for the loss of 9-1-1 service. Then the company changed its story in a new report that will be presented August 15 to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. In the report, Verizon acknowledged that drained batteries, faulty generators, and human error caused service problems in Fairfax and Arlington counties and elsewhere. In the wake of their report, Verizon officials said they are “undertaking corrective actions” to help improve the company's performance.
Source: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/virginia-officials-press-verizon-to-fix-911-system/article/2504925#.UCvChaD6eCx>

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Information Technology Sector

44. *August 15, Help Net Security* – (International) **Sirefef infections explode due to new infection technique.** The Sirefef/Zaccess family of trojans — designed to download other malware, disable a machine’s security features, and often make lasting changes to a computer — is usually distributed to unsuspecting victims via email spam campaigns. However, its peddlers changed their strategy recently, and began bundling the malware with codecs, game installers, and crack/keygen applications, Trend Micro warned.

“During the last weeks of July, we received reports from customers that their services.exe files were being patched by an unknown malware,” the researchers shared. The patched file was a component of the Sirefef/Zaccess malware family, and was used to run the malware’s other malicious components upon reboot. The infection with this new variant was traced back to the execution of K-Lite Codec Pack.exe, more than likely downloaded by the users from the Internet to play movies downloaded via peer-to-peer applications. To preserve the illusion the offered codec is legitimate and to increase the likelihood of it being used, the file names are often modified to include the titles of popular movies. According to Trend Micro numbers, Sirefef/Zaccess infections increased in July, going from 1,000 infected computers on the 1st of the month to more than 11,000 on the 27th. The majority of infected computers are located in the United States.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2223

45. *August 15, Computerworld* – (International) **Security vendor exposes vulnerabilities in DDoS rootkit.** In what it says is an attempt to turn the tables on malicious hackers, security vendor Prolexic released details August 14 of vulnerabilities it discovered in a toolkit family used by hackers to launch distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against corporate networks. The disclosure is designed to give IT security staff information they can use to mitigate attacks launched using the DDoS toolkit, according to Prolexic. The company’s vulnerability report specifically details flaws in the command and control (C&C) component of the Dirt Jumper DDoS toolkit associated with recent DDoS attacks. The flaws allow “counter-attackers to obtain access to the Command and Control (C&C) database backend, and potentially server-side files,” the company noted in a statement. Such counterattacks can result in a total compromise of the toolkit’s attack capabilities, Prolexic said. “With this information, it is possible to access the C&C server and stop the attack,” Prolexic’s CEO said in statement.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230288/Security_vendor_exposes_vulnerabilities_in_DDoS_rootkit

46. *August 15, The H* – (International) **Java SE 7 Update 6 hands OS X support to Oracle.** A Java Runtime Environment for Mac OS X and a free, but not open source, Linux ARM v6/v7 JDK are the highlights of Oracle’s release of Java SE 7 Update 6. The process of moving the responsibility for keeping Java on Mac OS X up to date

from Apple to Oracle was completed with this release. The new release brings a Java Runtime Environment (JRE) to the Apple platform supported by Java's owners, Oracle. The Mac OS X JRE will also support automatic updating and will in future be updated at the same time as the Windows version of Java. As well as the JRE, Java SE 7 Update 6 also has final versions of JavaFX 2.2 rich client platform and JavaFX Scene Builder for Mac OS X. Earlier in 2012, an estimated half a million users of Mac OS X found themselves infected with Flashback, malware that infiltrates systems using a vulnerability in Java already patched on other platforms. Apple's slow updating of Java was a cause for concern for some time, but the Flashback incident brought it to the fore. After taking action to halt Flashback, Apple worked with Oracle to move support for Java to Oracle, which already maintains the Java software for Windows, Linux, and some Unix systems.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Java-SE-7-Update-6-hands-OS-X-support-to-Oracle-1667714.html>

47. *August 14, Computerworld* – (International) **Kaspersky pleads for crypto help to probe Gauss malware.** August 14, Kaspersky Lab appealed for help from expert cryptographers to help it break the encryption of a still-mysterious payload delivered by the Gauss cyber-surveillance malware. While Kaspersky discovered the payload is delivered via USB flash drives — to close the “air gap” between the Internet and PCs not connected to the Web — it has been stymied in its attempts to decrypt the module, which is encrypted with an RC4 key. Kaspersky noted the decryption key for the payload is generated dynamically by the victimized PC. “[That] prevents anyone except the designated target(s) from extracting the contents of the sections,” Kaspersky said. “The resource section [of the encrypted payload] is big enough to contain a Stuxnet-like SCADA-targeted attack code and all the precautions used by the authors indicate that the target is indeed high profile.”

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230272/Kaspersky_pleads_for_crypto_help_to...

48. *August 14, Infosecurity* – (International) **Groupon email scam gives victims more than they bargained for.** Commtouch detected a series of recent attacks that contain emails promising great Groupon “deals,” but deliver malware instead. The attacks rely on malware attached to the emails that purportedly come from “friends” who want to share great deals, explained the director of product marketing at Commtouch. The scams are also using LinkedIn “friends.” The Commtouch director explained these attacks are different from the blended attacks, which mix email and Web links to spread malware, since they use attached malware rather than links to drive-by malware.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/27588/>

49. *August 14, Threatpost* – (International) **Adobe patches critical Flash bug, releases massive Reader update.** Adobe issued a fix for a critical Flash vulnerability that attackers already are taking advantage of with targeted attacks. The flaw can allow attackers to get complete control of vulnerable machines, and Adobe said it is aware of attacks targeting Flash on Internet Explorer. The CVE-2012-1535 vulnerability in Flash, when exploited, either will crash the app or it could allow the attacker to run

arbitrary code on the machine. Adobe officials are urging users to patch their systems now, especially given the fact there are attacks targeting the Flash vulnerability. “There are reports that the vulnerability is being exploited in the wild in limited targeted attacks, distributed through a malicious Word document. The exploit targets the ActiveX version of Flash Player for Internet Explorer on Windows,” Adobe said in its advisory. Google also released a new version of Chrome August 14, which includes the updated Flash Player. In addition to the patch for Flash, Adobe also released a huge update for Reader and Acrobat August 14. The update includes fixes for Reader and Acrobat X on Windows and Mac OS X and patches a slew of vulnerabilities, including numerous memory corruption vulnerabilities, stack overflows, buffer overflows, and heap overflows, all of which could allow remote code execution, Adobe said.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/adobe-patches-critical-flash-bug-releases-massive-reader-update-081412

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Communications Sector

50. *August 15, Watertown Daily Times* – (New York) **Phone problems plague**

Wanakena. Verizon customers in Wanakena, New York, have suffered with the problem of nonworking phones for years, routinely registering complaints with the State Public Service Commission. Customers have grown tired of the recurring issue, especially since Wanakena is in a part of the Adirondacks that does not have cellphone coverage, the Watertown Daily Times reported August 15. “I have been without a phone 15 times in the last two months,” said the Adirondack Park Agency commissioner. The outage is often spotty and intermittent. It might last 10 minutes or a day. One person’s phone may be out while a neighbor’s is working. Reception is often crackly even when the phones are working. Verizon is aware of the community’s concerns, a company spokesman said. “The root cause of the service interruptions is multiple lightning strikes along the cable route from Star Lake to Wanakena. The length of the route between the two communities increases the likelihood of lightning strikes, especially during the summer season,” he said.

Source: <http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20120815/NEWS05/708159894/1/NEWS>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

51. *August 15, WCBS 2 New York* – (New York) **Brooklyn buildings evacuated after cracks found in foundation.** Cracks were found in the foundation of four-story Brooklyn building, WCBS 880 AM New York reported August 15. Dozens of residents from the building and a neighboring structure were evacuated. Neighbors said an excavation project was going on for about a month. Since July 5, two backhoes have been doing excavation, causing vibrations, which resulted in cracks in the foundation of the apartment building. Residents filed complaints but did not realize how serious the situation was until they found their doors were no longer closing properly August 14. Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2012/08/15/crane-strikes-side-of-brooklyn-building-forcing-evacuations/>
52. *August 15, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Propane tanker crashes into Port Deposit condominium complex, town center closed off.** A condominium complex in Port Deposit, Maryland, was evacuated and all roads into the town closed after an 18-wheeled propane tanker containing an estimated 9,000 gallons of the heavier-than-air fuel crashed into the building August 14. A small leak in the truck's tank was addressed shortly after emergency crews arrived and removed the driver from the wreckage, stated personnel on the scene. The driver was pulled from the truck after 2 hours and was reported to be alert and talking. Police said he was transported to a hospital. The truck is owned by Farmers Propane of Medina, Ohio. Emergency personnel on the scene said they were waiting on Norfolk Southern, which owns an affected rail line near where the truck crashed, to send a pump that would be used to off-load the propane from the crashed vehicle onto a functional vehicle. The off-loading operation was expected to take 12 hours. All residents in the complex were evacuated, entry into the center of town was restricted, and trains on the Norfolk Southern freight line through town were stopped. In addition, power to some parts of town was turned off, a town administrative assistant said. Some businesses were asked to close as well. Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/explore/harford/news/ph-ag-port-deposit-accident-0815-20120814,0,5328889.story>
53. *August 15, NBC News* – (Washington, D.C.) **Security guard shot at conservative group's D.C. office.** A gunman who shot a security guard August 15 at the Family Research Council (FRC) office in Washington, D.C., carried a handgun and several additional rounds of ammunition, federal investigators said. When challenged by the security guard, the gunman shot the guard in the arm. He was then detained by other guards, and district police and the FBI responded. He was taken into custody by FBI agents. The FBI will have jurisdiction if the incident turns out to be a hate crime. One law enforcement official told NBC News it was fairly clear the FRC was the man's target. Officials said the suspect came from Herndon, Virginia. The FBI said the security guard was in the hospital and was "doing OK." Federal officials said the suspect was carrying a backpack with materials related to Chick-fil-A restaurants. The FRC's president sent an email to members in July in support of comments by the restaurant chain's president on same-sex marriage. Two federal officials said the suspect appeared mentally disturbed.

Source: http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/15/13298020-security-guard-shot-at-conservative-groups-dc-office?lite

54. *August 15, Bay City News Service* – (California) **Bollinger Canyon Road fire destroys structure, heavy machinery inside.** A fire in a large commercial structure north of San Ramon, California, used to store heavy machinery destroyed more than \$200,000 of the building's contents, the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District chief said August 15. The fire was reported August 14, he said. The one-story structure covers about 4,000 square feet and is used to house heavy machinery such as tractors and construction equipment. Two businesses used the facility — a construction company and a home improvement company. Firefighters contained the two-alarm fire in about 30 minutes. There was no initial estimate on the damage to the structure itself.
Source: http://www.pleasantonweekly.com/news/show_story.php?id=9892

55. *August 15, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Arrest made in Brook Park trucking company arson.** An employee was arrested in an arson at a trucking company in Brook Park, Ohio, WKYC 3 Cleveland reported August 15. A fire burned through Valley Sterling Trucks August 6, causing \$4 million in damages. Police said the suspect worked at the company, was taken into custody, and was held in the Cuyahoga County Jail pending a grand jury hearing on aggravated arson. Brook Park Police, Brook Park Fire, the State fire marshal, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco and Explosives investigated.
Source: <http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/256168/3/Arrest-made-in-Brook-Park-trucking-company-arson->

56. *August 15, WPXI 11 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Mysterious odor sickens several, forces evacuations at West Mifflin businesses.** Emergency management crews were called to West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, August 15 after several people reportedly got sick from an unknown odor. Officials said the smell may have come from some sort of chemical. Four businesses in the area were evacuated. At least a dozen workers at a McDonald's restaurant complained of symptoms and were treated with oxygen, WPXI 11 Philadelphia reported. One customer and an employee from a Denny's restaurant were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. A nearby First National Bank employee was also taken to a hospital. Allegheny County Health Department officials took air quality samples to determine where the odor came from. All of the businesses later reopened.
Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/local/mysterious-odor-sickens-several-forces-evacuations/nRB5T/>

57. *August 14, KTNV 13 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Car slams into office building, injuring 6.** Six people were injured when a car crashed into a Las Vegas office building August 14. Five were taken to a nearby hospital. Authorities said four of those were people inside the building, and one was inside the car. All suffered non-life-threatening injuries. The owner of the real estate business affected by the crash said they were having a business meeting when the car suddenly smashed through the building. He said about 20 people were inside at the time. Five of his coworkers were hurt. Police said the handicapped driver told authorities his hand-controlled accelerator got stuck.

Firefighters assisted in getting people safely out of the building.

Source: <http://www.ktnv.com/news/local/166143076.html>

58. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Minn. lake closed for season after boy's death.** Stillwater, Minnesota officials will keep Lily Lake closed for the rest of the season after tests confirmed a rare amoeba infection killed a 9-year-old boy in August, the Associated Press reported August 14. Tests by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the boy contracted a rare form of meningitis, apparently while swimming in the lake. Two years ago, one other Minnesota child died from the disease also after swimming in Lily Lake. The lake remained open for boating and fishing. The city planned to meet with Washington County and State health officials to discuss plans for the next swimming season.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/14/4725957/minn-lake-closed-for-season-after.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

59. *August 15, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Tonto National Forest fire now at 1,200 acres.** Crews were monitoring a fire in Arizona's Tonto National Forest that has charred an estimated 1,200 acres, the Associated Press reported August 15. The Queen Fire was reported August 13. The blaze was burning about 2 miles northeast of Superior in rocky, inaccessible terrain and crews were attacking the flames by air. Meanwhile, the forest temporarily closed several areas because of the Mistake Peak fire 11 miles east of Basin. That fire began August 8 and was 10 percent contained after burning about 3,400 acres by August 14.

Source: http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/local/article_3455b540-e689-11e1-abb9-001a4bcf887a.html

60. *August 15, Firefighting News* – (Washington) **Taylor Bridge Fire remains out of control.** The most destructive wildfire to strike Central Washington in decades continued to burn largely uncontrolled August 14 after exploding to more than 28,000 acres and destroying some 60 homes, Firefighting News reported August 15. Authorities warned it could be several days before they can make significant headway in stopping the fire, which has jumped rivers and highways, sent burning embers a quarter mile and forced more than 400 people to evacuate since August 13. “It’s one of the most dangerous fires we’ve experienced in the last 10 years,” said a State lands commissioner who toured the fire August 14. Firefighters were focused on containing the flanks of the Taylor Bridge Fire, saying it was too dangerous to get out in front of the blaze. Containment was placed at 10 percent as of August 14. Having enough resources remained a concern when manpower was needed at other large fires burning in Oregon and Idaho. The combination of wind, high temperatures and low humidity turned scrub bush, trees and other vegetation into ready kindling, said a captain of Yakima County Fire District 12. West of Ellensburg, workers at Unionville Ranch

walked the ranch's 13 horses several miles down a road as flames started overtaking the property. Several buildings on the 70-acre ranch were destroyed August 14, but people, horses and other animals got out safely.

Source: <http://www.firefightingnews.com/article-us.cfm?articleID=104302>

61. *August 14, Associated Press* – (California) **Wildfire burning in Riverside and San Diego counties.** Residents in sparsely populated parts of Riverside and San Diego counties were told to evacuate their homes August 14 as several wildfires burned in Southern California's desert heat. Riverside County fire officials said a blaze near the community of Aguanga, east of Temecula, started August 14, and firefighters had it 5 percent contained. Nine homes were evacuated and at least one was destroyed. Some 40 miles away, in northeastern San Diego County, residents in Ranchita were told to evacuate as one of four lightning-sparked fires came dangerously close to houses. Those fires have burned about 3 square miles. The four fires that make up the so-called Vallecito Lightning complex totaled more than 9 square miles, and were 10 percent contained. Elsewhere in Southern California, a wildfire in Joshua Tree National Park burned 273 acres and was 60 percent contained. Firefighters said they expected to have that fire under control by August 17.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/state&id=8773849>

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Dams Sector

62. *August 14, NPR* – (Washington; Oregon) **Earthquake study raises risk potential around central Wash. dams.** A recent seismic hazard assessment found greater earthquake potential for the central Washington area than previously thought. Estimates for how strongly the ground could shake from a local earthquake has tripled or quadrupled since the building of hydropower dams in the area. The study took 4 years to produce and was commissioned by three Washington public utility districts, covering their six large hydropower dams. A consulting seismologist said the risk comes primarily from crumpling of the earth's crust between the Oregon-Washington border, Yakima, Ellensburg, and Wenatchee. Seismic retrofits could cost ratepayers across the region hundreds of millions of dollars. The Mid-Columbia dam owners and their federal regulator are taking an approach that has very little tolerance for risk and are prepared to spend money to protect against an event that may only happen once every 10,000 years. The new information about earthquake potential in central Washington has prompted the U.S. Department of Energy to launch its own seismic risk update for the Hanford site and its sensitive nuclear facilities. Separately, the Eugene Water & Electric Board ordered a similar comprehensive seismic reevaluation of its hydropower dams on the McKenzie River in the Oregon Cascade foothills.

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